

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A flexible interface and a method for employing the same are provided for interconnecting a client program with a workflow server running a workflow management system having workflow-type functionality. The workflow functionality includes a set of predefined process templates defining a set of tasks and being capable of monitoring workflow instances, assigning tasks to users, and allowing users to initiate instances of a process from one of the set of predefined process templates. The interface comprises a set of predefined protocol user interface pages comprising at least one control page with said predefined protocol having at least one client server-side script embedded therein. At least one first workflow platform-dependent object is provided for accessing the workflow functionality. At least one second workflow platform-independent object is provided for providing data to the at least one first workflow platform-dependent object. At least one server program is provided that is callable by the at least one control page and adapted to invoke at least one of the first workflow platform-dependent object and the at least one second workflow platform-independent object. Thus, when the functionality of the workflow management system is to be accessed via the set of predefined protocol user interface pages, the at least one control page calls the at least one server program which, in turn, invokes at least one of the first and second objects to promote data translation and exchange between the client program and the workflow management system.

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